



Disaster Management

Finnish Red Cross

- Auxiliary role is based on law: the Act on the Finnish Red Cross (2000) and the Presidential Decree on the Finnish Red Cross (2017):
 - “Support and assist national authorities in times of both peace and war and during armed conflicts in order to promote human well-being”
- MoU’s or Agreements
 - Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (2021)
 - Ministry of the Interior (2018)
 - National Emergency Supply Agency NESA (2021)
 - Finnish Immigration Service (2001, updated annually)



Activities in domestic response operations

Management of volunteers

- ❑ Disaster management response teams
- ❑ Management of core volunteers
- ❑ Management of spontaneous volunteers
- ❑ Channelling people's willingness to help and support

Situational awareness and communication

- ❑ Creating and running emergency operation center (EOC)
- ❑ Distribution of information about situation
- ❑ Sharing and distributing information of beneficiaries rights
- ❑ Risk recognition and analysis

Coordination

- ❑ Coordination of NGO's
- ❑ Coordination of international aid
- ❑ Offering possibility to channel support to companies and other actors

Restoring family links

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Evacuations

- ❑ Establishing evacuations centers
- ❑ Evacuation of beneficiaries
- ❑ Registrations

Emergency shelter and water/sanitation

- ❑ Emergency shelters in tents
- ❑ Acquiring facilities and centers for evacuation
- ❑ Supporting officials where needed
- ❑ Organising emergency water and sanitation facilities

Food service

- ❑ Distribution of food for beneficiaries
- ❑ Organising food distribution and/or preparation in operations

Health services

- ❑ By Professional: Health info's, emergency check ups, mobile health units in operations, ERUS's
- ❑ By volunteers: First Aid and health guidance

Psychosocial Support (PSS)

- ❑ By professionals: PSS at accident sites, debriefings, individual supports and services
- ❑ By volunteers: PSS, listening, being there

Crosscutting issues

- ❑ Considering people in specific needs and disabilities
- ❑ Protection
- ❑ Promotion of equality
- ❑ Domestic disaster relief fund use

Ukraine operation

- Ministry of the Interior assessment: Finland could have 40 – 80,000 immigrants from Ukraine (23.3.2022)
- Task Force and Operation Centre
- Five main lines of action
 - International Aid
 - Large-scale immigration
 - Psychosocial support
 - Communications
 - Fundraising
- Over 12,000 people granted temporary protection, of which 2,000 live in reception centres (25.3.2022), $\frac{3}{4}$ of refugees live in private accommodation.
- FRC has 12 reception centres, capacity approx. 5,000 (can be raised to 10,000)



Red Cross HR resources

- Volunteers 25.000
 - ✓ In Emergency Response teams
 - ✓ about 4000 people available 24/7.
 - ✓ Over 2000 volunteers registered to assist in Covid-19 vaccinations
 - ✓ 300 volunteers trained to answer telephone-on-line.
 - ✓ About 450 local branches, 12 districts
- Preparedness group of psychologists' – 25 members
- International delegate reserve: 1300 delegates
- 12 reception centers for asylum seekers



Other resources

- Blood service
- Logistics Center in Kalkku, Tampere.
- Kontti - Second hand department store (clothes, tableware, furniture)
- Youth shelters (Sekasin-chat, expertise in PSS, preparedness group)
- Preparedness exercises; own, co-operation with authorities, co-operation with other Red Cross National Societies



Projects



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- **EvRe Evacuation Ready** – 2022-2023, with Estonia, Latvian and Lithuanian Red Cross, funded by ECHO
- focus on enhancing capacities for set-up and organize evacuation centers with various emergency support services.
- Project will create standard operating procedures (SOP) for joint cross-border operations
- Implementation of the Host Nation Support Guidelines (HNS) – in receiving international assistance.
- Training staff and volunteers
- Exercise joint cross-border operations